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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG, HEE IL

Examiner

McDieunel Marc

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/07/2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 are pending for examination.
2. The rejection to claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Han** (U.S. Pat. No. **5,646,494**) is **maintained**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Han** (U.S. Pat. No. **5,646,494**).

As per claim 1, **Han** teaches a robot cleaner having method for compensating a rotational position error (see col. 12, lines 22-26) of a robot cleaner (see fig. 4) comprising: detecting an offset value of a sensor for detecting a rotational speed of a robot cleaner (see col. 10, lines 40-44); compensating the detected offset value (see col. 7, lines 7-12); and correcting a rotational position of the robot cleaner on the basis of the compensated offset value (see col. 2, lines 42-44).

As per claims 2-3, Han teaches a robot cleaner, wherein the sensor is a gyro sensor (see col. 7, lines 7-19); in the step of detecting an offset value, an offset value of the sensor is detected whenever the robot cleaner temporarily stops (see col. 10, lines 60-64, wherein the stop being considered as a temporary stop).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 11-21 are allowed.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fail to teach of fairly suggest a method that further includes the step of obtaining an average value of the detected offset values and a standard deviation; averaging the noise-removed offset value on the basis of the average value and the standard deviation; determining the averaged offset value as a new gyro offset value in combination with other element of the claimed invention.

7. Claims 4-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fail to teach of fairly suggest a claim 4, averaging the noise-removed offset value on the basis of the average value and the standard

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deviation; and determining the averaged offset value as a new offset value.; with respect to claim 8, calculating the amount of rotation of the robot cleaner by accumulatively adding the calculated angular velocities; and subtracting the calculated amount of rotation from the previous amount of rotation, and compensating the subtracted amount of rotation; with respect to claim 9, averaging the average value and the standard deviation, and determining the averaged offset value as a new offset value; with respect to claim 10, calculating the amount of rotation of the robot cleaner by accumulatively adding the calculated angular velocities; and subtracting the calculated amount of rotation from the previous amount of rotation, and compensating the subtracted amount of rotation, in combination with other element of the claimed invention.

As to the reference not teaching any detection of offset value (see Han' s col. 10, lines 40-44).

As to the reference not teaching how the sensor perform the position correction (see col. 2, lines 42-44).

As to the reference not teaching an offset value of any sensor is detected (see col. 10, lines 60-64, wherein the stop being considered as a temporary stop).

Bear in mind that the office personnel are to give claims their broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the supporting disclosure. In re Morris, 127 F.3d 1048, 1054-55, 44 USPQ2d 1023, 1027-28 (Fed. Cir. 1997). Limitations appearing in the specification but not recited in the claim are not read into the claim. In re Prater, 415 F.2d 1393, 1404-05, 162 USPQ 541, 550-551 (CCPA 1969). See also In re Zletz, 893 F.2d 319, 321-22, 13 USPQ2d 1320, 1322 (Fed. Cir. 1989) ("During patent examination the pending claims must be interpreted as broadly as their terms reasonably allow.... The reason is simply that during patent prosecution when

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claims can be amended, ambiguities should be recognized, scope and breadth of language explored, and clarification imposed.... An essential purpose of patent examination is to fashion claims that are precise, clear, correct, and unambiguous. Only in this way can uncertainties of claim scope be removed, as much as possible, during the administrative process.”).

9. Applicant's arguments filed 11/07/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

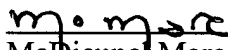
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11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to McDieunel Marc whose telephone number is (571) 272-6964.

The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 Mon-Thu.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (571) 272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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